

FEDERAL CLERKS BEGIN CAMPAIGN FOR PENSION LAW

Claiming strong support among Congressmen and State newly-elected officers of the Washington Federal Employees' Union today as a campaign of the organization's fight to retain increases granted, get additional increases if possible, and to have a pension retirement law written on the statute books.

The new officers were installed at a meeting at Pythian Hall last night, at which a plan of campaign was mapped out for the coming session of Congress. The policy will be, first, to have the increases granted at the last session retained, as economists in both houses of Congress. It was said, will endeavor to have salaries decreased as a measure of war economy.

After this is settled satisfactorily an effort will be made to have a pension and retirement law enacted and additional increases granted in certain lines of Government work.

Effort will be made, according to the officers, to interfere with war legislation in pressing their demands.

Economists Making Plans.

"Economists are already laying their plans to strike out the increases granted at the last session when the appropriation budgets are considered," said E. J. Newmyer, secretary-treasurer of the National Federal Employees' Union, who made an address last night. "They say that the Government must practice every economy during war times but seem to ignore the fact that living expenses have gone up about 50 per cent since the increases were granted."

"We must work to the limit to see that increases are retained and an adequate pension law enacted," said Edgar B. Merritt, Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs. "We must remember also that the benefits we now enjoy were obtained through organized effort. We must also remember that it is the duty of organized labor to refrain from embarrassing the Government during the war and to attempt to settle all differences through arbitration and mediation, and if unsuccessful, to bear any hardship patiently until the time arrives to use every resource to secure their rights."

Tribute From Ferguson.

Frank E. Ferguson, acting director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, paid a tribute to the work accomplished by the organization in its brief existence and urged closer relations with the department executives to promote harmony and efficiency in work.

The new officers installed were: President, John S. Beach; first vice president, H. L. Watson; second vice president, Joseph J. Dineen; third vice president, Jeremiah Connolly; fourth vice president, Owen P. Keenan; corresponding secretary, Florence P. Smith; recording secretary, James H. Knepper; treasurer, V. A. Zahn; and guardian, E. B. Reynolds.

**G. W. U. CLASS ELECTS
GIRLS CHIEF OFFICERS**

For the first time in the history of George Washington University the senior class of Columbian College has a girl president. And she was elected despite the fact that the male members of the class were in the majority at the meeting. Not only this, but the class also elected a girl to the office of vice president. But doubt must have been in the minds of members of the class as to the ability of the girls to maintain order, for a male student was elected to the post of sergeant-at-arms.

The officers follow: President, Nell Stanton; vice president, Josephine Jones; secretary, Fenton P. Fady; class editor, Betty Richardson; sergeant-at-arms, George Nordlinger; and treasurer, Mr. Geradorf.

TELEPHONE EARNINGS SHOW BIG INCREASE

The earnings of sixty American telephone companies during June were \$6,704,018, compared with \$6,622,648 in June, 1916, the Interstate Commerce Commission announced today. These earnings were made on 7,417,723 and 6,847,146 telephones, respectively.

Dr. Alfred King, New York
Physician and Medical Author

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Hoover Urges German Prison Camp Rations For Foes Interned Here

"Cut the rations of German prisoners of war," is advice Food Administrator Hoover sent out yesterday, following an investigation which convinced him that this Government is overgenerous with provisions to German sailors, enemy agents and the like, interned on United States soil.

It develops that while the citizens of this country are going without meat and wheat one day a week and practicing countless other war economies the Germans interned throughout the United States are enjoying full army rations and additional luxuries.

This is in direct contrast to the announced policy of the German government, the food administration points out.

FORM FOOD ARMY TO CARRY MESSAGE TO HOUSEWIVES

An army of 500,000 men and women is forming under the food administration today to get out and tell America's 100,000,000 people to eat all they want. All it asks is that they conserve the few needed war foods—wheat, meat, fats, and sugar. Most folks have had the idea that the food administration was trying to cut down the size of the average American's meals.

"Not at all," said the food administration today. "All we're to do is to get people to eat more of the good things of which we have an abundance, and less of the necessary war foods we haven't so much of. This good news will be carried to every one of America's 23,000,000 front doors by this volunteer army between October 28 and November 4—National Food Pledge Week."

The 100,000 ministers of America will start the campaign by preaching war food sermons Sunday, October 28. The army will go out the following day ringing door bells, that "first line of defense" in the cozy trenches of American homes. Leading these bread-and-butter-and-beef battalions will be the war mothers of America: women whose fathers, sons, sweethearts or husbands are at the front or on their way there; then whom, the food administration feels, there is none better fitted in America to carry the message of wartime meals to every strategic detail of domestic terrain between the pantry and the kitchen range.

Not Less Food.

The idea the administration wants to stress is that it is not asking any one to eat less food, but merely to eat different food. There is, it points out, plenty of excellent food for every one. That only this, there is a shortage of some foods that can be compactly shipped abroad, and which contain tissue and energy-building elements that are vital to the fighting power of our own and allied soldiers.

By this, the administration pointed out, it means that no soldier can fight effectively when he feels in his heart that his women and children are hungry at home. The administration feels that it is a vital part of this country's war duty to see that the civilian populations of allied Europe are kept fed and contented.

Country's Duty.

The food administration also made clear why it is urging the saving of these war foods as a voluntary campaign. "It is because," said a food administration official today, "America is a democracy, and a democracy's people are presumed to be intelligent and patriotic enough to do their duty by their country promptly as soon as they see it. In Europe, particularly in Germany, the people's patriotism is not trusted. Their supplies are seized and doled out to them by a master. Nothing is left for the individual to decide. There is an enforced patriotism. Ours, voluntary."

The food administration is striving to make sure that the United States does not run short of wheat, meat, fats, milk or sugar to send our allies and our armies in Europe. A continued shortage of these things will give Germany a much better chance of winning the war by weakening the fighting powers of the allies.

America is the only allied nation in position to supply these vital commodities to make up the shortage. The only way America can do it is by every individual American doing his or her bit of personal conservation.

DANIELS AT NEWPORT TO INSPECT STATION

Secretary of the Navy Daniels is at Newport, R. I., today inspecting the naval training station there. The Secretary will spend tomorrow at the navy yard and naval prison at Portsmouth, N. H., and on Monday he will inspect the Charleston navy yard. This is the first of a number of trips Secretary Daniels expects to take to navy yards and shore stations along the Atlantic coast before the reconvening of Congress in December.

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ACTIVITIES OF FOE AGENTS REVEALED IN A. F. L. RANKS

By GEORGE MARTIN,
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BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 17.—A plot to give organized labor's war program a pro-German twist was uncovered at the American Federation of Labor here today.

All that was available through President Gompers himself was repetition of the statement that German spies and Teutonic agents honeycomb this convention.

Would Split Convention.

But from well informed members it was learned that this pro-German attack has taken definite form in efforts to push through insidious resolutions originating in all parts of the country, to shape local labor affairs to their own ends. The unusual delay in getting down to concrete business, it was learned, is because of the exceptionally careful scrutiny to which each of the 168 resolutions is being submitted.

Some of the suspected resolutions aim to stir up violent factional quarrels and split the convention. Others, it was learned, would pave the way for disastrous pro-German propaganda work in various parts of the country.

Delegates Not Blamed.

No blame necessarily attaches to the avowed sponsors of the resolutions, delegates to the convention, because all resolutions appear innocent enough at first glance, and could easily have been engineered by secret and sinister influences playing on local conditions and prejudices, it was pointed out.

One resolution has been found which proposes to give local organizations of international unions the right to strike whenever they see fit, regardless of what their international officers think. Officials say such a condition would give German agents just the kind of fruitful local conditions they want to work under. By stirring up a strike in one small local union, they say, all the other local unions there might be prevailed on to join on the plea that by remaining neutral they were retarding their brothers' strike success. Thus, it is claimed, entire communities whose industries are vital to the nation at war, might be tied up indefinitely.

Pro-Germans Active.

There is a feeling among the rank and file of delegates that pro-Germans, the radical socialists, and the anti-war and pacifist elements have "taken to the tail timber." High officials of the Federation know they have not. They are merely camouflaging under cover in verbal bombast. A proposal has been introduced which is expected to bring them to light in their true colors. This resolution is No. 62. It gives consent to the war program of President Gompers and the executive council.

The only one remotely resembling an out-and-out peace resolution is No. 152, which proposes that the federation express its willingness to be represented at any conference on "international relations and terms of peace" whenever called.

6,000 WORDS IN MINUTE SENT BY NEW TELEGRAPH

Telegraphy at the rate of 6,000 words a minute is declared to be the ability of an instrument just announced by T. B. Lambert, president of the American Association of Engineers. The invention came on the spur of the moment, after Mr. Lambert, at a banquet, had heard a Government representative declare the great need of operators.

Mr. Lambert went to his laboratory and after an all-night task declared he produced an instrument which would do the work of 500 ordinary telegraph wires. It is said the instrument can be made and assembled in twenty-four hours, and that highly experienced operators are not required to handle it. The cost is said to be not more than \$50 an instrument.

It is declared the instrument does not interfere with the use of telegraph lines as at present, and can be "watered" with any power practice. The apparatus already is manufactured and needs only assembling. It is announced, and, if used commercially, will release hundreds of operators for the war.

\$250,000 SUIT AGAINST GEORGE CREEL BEGUN

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Evidence in a \$250,000 alleged libel suit against George Creel and several publications, growing out of a face powder exposure was heard today by Justice Dutro. The suit is brought by Maude Yale Bishop Wilson, former manufacturer of "beautifiers" here.

She charges that Creel—now head of the department of public information—wrote an article January 16, 1915, that forced her to quit business. Harper's, McClure's and Norman Hapgood are the other defendants.

BUFFALO BLIND MAN TO BECOME PRIEST

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 17.—By special dispensation of Pope Benedict, Henry J. Wesaling, made blind by an explosion of chemicals in Calistoga College here in 1910, is to be ordained to the priesthood, according to advices received by the college.

This is the first known instance of a blind man entering the priesthood. Mr. Wesaling is a graduate of Boston College, and would have been ordained in 1914 but for the accident which robbed him of eyesight. For the last two years he has been giving lectures in St. Francis Xavier College, in New York.

PROMOTIONS TO BE MADE IN LINE AND STAFF OF U. S. NAVY

Because of the greatly increased personnel of the navy and the addition of numerous ships, wholesale promotions in the line and staff departments soon are to be made. Two temporary rear admirals for the line are to be appointed for the duration of the war, and in the medical corps two officers will be advanced to the rank of rear admirals for permanent assignment.

A complete redistribution of officers in the line will be necessary in order to assimilate the many temporary ensigns commissioned. It is planned to adhere strictly to the rule of seniority in making the promotions. In the pay corps, likewise, numerous officers are in line for advanced ranks because of the expanded personnel and temporary pay directors appointed for the emergency.

In selecting officers above the rank of lieutenant commanders, the navy board of selection will recommend the men to be advanced. Secretary Daniels' selections will apply in promotions in the lesser ranks.

NATION'S WOMEN TAKE STEPS TO AID NEEDY WAR BRIDES

America must care for its "war brides."

Information is daily reaching Washington of large numbers of young wives who are suffering privation while their husbands are in France. Many of these are young girls who married soldiers on the eve of their departure for France. Now they find themselves approaching motherhood with only small remittances of about \$15 a month from their soldier husbands.

The United States Government has made no provisions for such cases. The soldiers and sailors' insurance act provides for wives only after the death of their husbands. They must be cared for by the civilian population.

Women's Organizations Aid.

Two organizations have already taken steps to provide relief for America's "war brides." They are the American Red Cross and the women's committee of the Council of National Defense.

Through the women's bureau of the Red Cross and the civilian relief committee, aid will be given to wives of soldiers in France. An appropriation has already been made for this purpose. The women's bureau has sent out a call for layettes for hundreds of children. Many of these will be sent to young mothers in France and England. But the majority of them will be used in this country for the comfort of America's "war babies."

Community Work.

The women's committee of the Council of National Defense is organizing in local communities for the same sort of work. Under the direction of Mrs. Philip M. Moore, of St. Louis, head of the National Federation of Women, this committee is directing its efforts to protection of American women in war time. The committee is known as the health and recreation committee. In more than two-thirds of the States local committees have been formed and are now at work.

Safeguarding Morals.

Besides caring for the needs of "war brides" this committee is also safeguarding the morals of the young girls in communities where there are military establishments. Girls' Protective Leagues have been formed to bring the soldiers and the girls of the community together under proper influences.

Another organization is the Voluntary Patrol. In this organization women give their services in chaperoning the girls in military communities. In some towns these women have virtually taken over the work of police officers. In Kentucky they are assigned to regular beats and constantly watch the young girls of the town.

Every effort is being made to keep the influences of war from American women. But women leaders in the war capital declare that sooner or later the Government must lend its aid and give protection to the wives of the men who are fighting abroad.

DR. HASELDEN GETS FLOOD OF LETTERS

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—Dr. Haiselden says his mail is burdened with letters from all sections, greeting opinions on his course in the Hodzima baby case. The majority of the writers, he says, endorse his action. Many of those who oppose him merely quote the commandment: "Thou shalt not kill."

MACHINIST ADMITS 4 WIVES ARE TOO MANY

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Four wives are too many for John Gleason, Dover, N. J., machinist. He admitted it when he was before Judge Mulqueen for bigamy. Two wives were in court.

"I hear you have two more," remarked the judge. "Two's enough," protested Gleason.

He was given two and a half years.

FORMER D. C. EMPLOYE GETS ARMY CAPTAINCY

Joseph W. Peed, former chief clerk of the surface division, District engineer department, has been commissioned as captain in the quartermaster's department, and will leave Monday for Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa.

Captain Peed was appointed to an accounting position in the auditor's office in 1903, in which position he served until 1907. He was born in Virginia, and has been a resident of Washington for many years.

RED CROSS HERE TO AID FAMILIES OF MEN AT WAR

The home service section of the Red Cross, District of Columbia chapter, started today a campaign to find and visit every home in the District

from which a fighter had departed for service with the army or navy, and to see that no one in these homes suffered during the war.

A letter was sent to Superintendent of Schools Ernest Thurston to have the teachers list with the Red Cross headquarters, 608 Kenosia building, every soldier's and sailor's family, so that an investigation could be made in each case to determine their needs. The chapter stands ready to help the wife to attend to business matters usually attended to by the husband, furnish good legal advice, medical care, give children and grown-ups opportunities for recreation, and to help those who should be employed get the right kind of employment.

WOMAN'S WILL LEAVES THOUSANDS TO COLLEGES

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 17.—Under the will of Mrs. Elizabeth B. White, which has been probated here in the Orphans' court, Washington and Lee University will get \$10,000; Randolph Macon College, \$5,000, and the University of Virginia \$5,000.

The will provides that a statue of General Robert E. Lee be erected in Druid Hill Park here from the proceeds of her mansion at 15 East Mt. Vernon place, this city. Many Baltimore institutions were left substantial sums.

Clear the Way

Help Our Army, Navy and Allies to Win This War

AMERICA'S RAILROADS are doing wonderful work, but they need help.

Freight cars must be unloaded and terminals cleared.

If it is your job, speed up loading and unloading of cars on private sidings.

Do not be a slacker by trying to save expense of labor or space by using freight cars as storage houses.

If your merchandise is congested at the terminals and you have not sufficient teams or motor trucks to move the goods at once, buy them or hire public ones.

If you can't do this, do something else—ask your neighbor to help you. Why hesitate to hire your neighbors' trucking facilities?

We must pull together.

OFFICERS
EXECUTIVES
MANAGERS

Shipping Departments throughout the country demand the personal consideration of executives.

Co-operation throughout the entire establishment with the Shipping Department is vital.

Ascertain all the old rules and regulations your Shipping Department is expected to carry out, and if they do not fit the present emergency, throw them away.

Plan to reach nearby points by motor trucks, teams or waterways—save the railroad terminals. Twenty-five per cent (25%) of case, barrel and package merchandise can be delivered in this way, and help break the congestion. No one wants embargoes.

EXCLUSIVE
GOVERNMENT
TERMINALS

If the railroads decide to reserve certain terminals exclusively for Government materials, do not grumble, but go the extra distance and haul your goods to or from other terminals.

It may be necessary to have a National Terminal Clearing Day in order to clear all terminals throughout the entire country.

NATIONAL
TERMINAL
CLEARING
DAY

If we have a Terminal Clearing Day, keep your teams and motor trucks going and keep your receiving departments open continuously 24 or 48 hours, if need be, and give the railroads a chance to catch up.

Let everybody be prepared some way, somehow, to move their merchandise away from the terminals immediately.

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